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Dear Sirs:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Washington, D.C. 20231

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that the following reference(s) be considered in the examination of the above-identified patent application:

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USP 4,634,204 to Detter et al. USP 5,120,255 to Kouda et al. USP 5,507,666 to Yamanashi USP 5,562,486 to Saijo et al. USP 5,591,041 to Cecil, Jr. et al. USP 5,605,472 to Sakai et al. USP 5,628,648 to Higgins, Jr. et al. USP 5,628,649 to Yagi et al. USP 5,643,003 to Myer et al. USP 5,651,689 to Plyler et al. USP 5,722,849 to Alwine USP 5,820,387 to Borisch et al. USP 5,823,814 to Alwine USP 5,910,027 to Wayt et al. USP 6,004,153 to Myer et al. USP 6,045,388 to Higgins et al. USP 6,093,045 to Hoff

The above-identified reference(s) are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and copies

are also enclosed herewith.

This submission, is in no way intended as an admission that the above-cited references

constitute prior art under any subsection of 35 U.S.C. § 102. Applicant expressly retains the

right to take any actions necessary to remove the above-cited references from the available prior

art.

Consideration of the above-identified references in the examination of the present patent

application is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed to be due because it is believed that this statement and enclosures are

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this belief is that no Office Action on the merits appears to have been received by the

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account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 7, 2002

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